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In re application of: **Kazuaki MATSUMOTO et al.**Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**
(PCT/JP99/05658)Filed: **April 24, 2001**For: **FLAME RETARDANT AND FLAME-RETARDANT RESIN COMPOSITION
CONTAINING THE SAME**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 24, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as follows:

6. (Amended) The flame retardant according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein said polymer contains no crosslinking substituent within the molecule

or, when it contains a crosslinking substituent within the molecule, the ratio of crosslinking substituent and a noncrosslinking substituent (crosslinking substituent/noncrosslinking substituent) ratio among the substituents on silicon atoms and boron atoms in the polymer in less than 1/4.